

SLIGHT DECREASE IN CITY TAX RATE

Believed That Finance Committee Will Make Recommendations.

RMORY FOR BLUES OVER NEW MARKET

Reported That Proposition Will Be Made to Put Up a Big Building at Sixth and Broad—The Budget Awaited With Interest.

Almost universal interest attaches to the revelation of the recommendations of the Finance Committee in the annual budget meeting Monday night. The preliminary work of the committee was done by a budget committee, or subcommittee, consisting of Chairman James B. Wood and Councilmen H. R. Pollard, Jr., and Gilbert K. Pollard. This committee labored hard on the work entrusted to it, and there is reason to believe that the Finance Committee has little left to do but to endorse the recommendations of the budget committee and send them on to the Council for adoption.

Reduce Taxes.

There will be many surprises when the contents of the budget are made known, though just what they are members will not tell. It is intimated that there will be at least one very pleasant surprise, and one that will interest every citizen of Richmond. Further than this no positive information could be gleaned by the sounding process, and information must be resorted to. Just what can be done to reduce the tax rate, unless it be a matter of revenue. The committee may have recommended an increase in the rate of taxation, or it may be a decrease, but which it is so one will say who knows positively. It may be some matter affecting the annexed suburbs, or it may be many things, but taxation is about the only thing within the purview of the Finance Committee which affects all classes of citizens.

The present tax rate of the entire city, including the suburbs, is \$1.40 per hundred dollars of valuation. The city had a surplus balance left over from last year's expenditures, but considerable money for special purposes was raised by bond issues. On the other hand, much money was expended by the city for the redemption of bonds bearing a low interest rate than those redeemed and retired. The balance coming over from 1906 is \$170,602, but just what the estimated revenue from the enlarged city will be this year has never been ascertained, or other than approximately stated. Some time before the committee undertook the work of making up the budget, Sub-Chiefman Pollard stated that the total revenue was about \$2,250,000, or possibly \$2,300,000. Of course, the Finance Committee would not have ascertained since then, but no announcement has been made thereof. Even at \$2,400,000, which includes the balance from last year, the total available revenue under the present tax rate would be about \$200,000 in excess of last year. Before the end of 1906, however, the Council had appropriated about \$90,000 more than the estimated revenues at the beginning of the year.

If the committee has recommended a decrease of tax, it will doubtless be pleasing to every citizen. It may be stated with practical certainty that it has not recommended an increase.

Armory and Market.

A spacious and handsome market building and military armory on the site of the Second Market is among the possibilities of the next year or two. It is quietly rumored that the Finance Committee will recommend in connection with the budget to be reported at the meeting of the Common Council on Monday night the construction of a splendid armory and market building at Sixth and Broad Streets. The site of the armory will be sufficiently large to permit battalion drill and to serve as a capacious auditorium for conventions and other large gatherings. Of course, seats would have to be provided for such occasions, but chairs could easily be secured, or benches.

Whether the suggested armory is to be for the Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion or for all the Infantry commands of the city is not stated by those who hint that such a recommendation is included in the budget. It may be asserted with positiveness that the city will not attempt to provide funds out of this year's budget for the purchase of the necessary property and the construction of a substantial building, such as would be required for the purpose.

No Turbine Pumps.

It may be positively and authoritatively stated that no provision is made in the budget for providing a system of turbine pumps at the New Pump-House to supplement the city's clear water supply. The action is important because it will almost certainly govern the Council in the matter. The city will then be face to face with a serious situation. The total pumping capacity of the New Pump-House equipment is now about 15,000,000 gallons of water, and the average daily consumption about 14,000,000 gallons, even without including the annexed suburbs.

Under these conditions the necessity of

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MOTHER LOSES LIFE TRYING TO SAVE CHILDREN

Four Break Through and But One Is Saved—Baby Follows Mother to Watery Grave.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 22.—Four people were drowned in Scajquada Creek, at Elmwood Avenue entrance to Delaware Park, to-night. The dead: Mrs. William H. Drummer, Anthony Belter, Richard Belter, Ruth Drummer. Mrs. Drummer and several children were walking on the ice toward Delaware Park. At the Elmwood Avenue viaduct over the creek the ice suddenly gave way under Ruth and the two Belter boys, throwing them into the water. Mrs. Drummer ran to the rescue of the three children. In her efforts to save them she broke through the ice, and Walter, who had toddled after her mother, fell in after her. Walter clung to the edge of the ice and was rescued. Mrs. Drummer was unconscious when taken from the water, and died shortly afterwards. The bodies of the others were recovered.

POOR ROCKEFELLER! ONLY \$300,000.000

Business Representative Says His Yearly Income Is Only \$20,000.000.

NEW YORK, February 22.—The magnitude of John D. Rockefeller's fortune was developed in an inquiry here today. In reply to a question Frederick T. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's business representative, said: "There have been a great many amusing misstatements on this subject. Several years ago Senator Hear, in the Senate, credited Mr. Rockefeller with a fortune of \$1,000,000,000. Quite recently a statement has been made and published widely throughout the country that his annual income exceeds \$100,000,000. Now the fact is that Mr. Rockefeller has at various times himself authorized a statement that his fortune cannot exceed \$250,000,000. Of course, \$250,000,000 is not \$1,000,000,000, or anything like it, cannot, in his most prosperous year, have exceeded \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The public generally are under the impression that he owns a majority of the Standard Oil stock. The fact is that Mr. Rockefeller's holdings of Standard Oil stock are about twenty per cent."

AMBASSADOR REID'S HEALTH ALARMING

Physicians Order Him Abroad for Rest and Change.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, February 22.—Ambassador Whitelaw Reid's condition was so alarming last week that two specialists were summoned to Dorchester House. His illness is chiefly sheer debility, following an attack of influenza. While at home he was advised to go direct from New York to the Riviera, but he insisted on coming to London, to dine at Mr. Bryce, and to take up the threads of his diplomatic duties here. Now he is ordered abroad for rest and change as soon as he shall be well enough to travel.

BECKWITH ELOPES WITH MISS CUTLER

Divorced by Lincoln's Granddaughter, He Loses No Time In Securing New Wife.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHICAGO, ILL., February 22.—Warren Beckwith, former baseball player, railroad brakeman and all round athlete, who was divorced last week from the daughter of Robert T. Lincoln, and grandfather of Abraham Lincoln, last night married Miss Blanche J. Cutler, of Aurora, Ill., in Burlington, Ia. Beckwith and his bride eloped from Aurora, Ill., yesterday. The Cutler family offered no objection to the marriage of the elopers. The bridegroom was escorted to the honeymoon. The new Mrs. Beckwith is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Cutler, of Aurora. Her sister was married to Everett Beckwith, a brother of Warren, some time ago.

FATHER AND SON DROWNED WHILE DUCK HUNTING

MEMPHIS, TENN., February 22.—Major W. L. Smith, a widely known railroad man, and his son, McClellan, aged thirteen, were drowned to-day in Menasha Lake, Ark. Mr. Smith, who was a member of the Menasha Hunting Club, went there with his son yesterday for a duck hunt. This morning the two, with a negro paddler, entered the lake, and in some manner the craft was overturned and the three occupants were thrown into deep water. They made a desperate effort to reach shore, but the heavy clothing worn by Mr. Smith and his son was too much for their efforts, and both were drowned. The negro escaped.

William Welch in Custody.

WACO, TEXAS, February 22.—William Welch, an ex-Confederate soldier, sixty-two years of age, claiming Atlanta, Ga., as his home, is in the custody of the sheriff here. Welch admits that he is the man who fired the first shot in the riot between whites and negroes a few months ago in Atlanta.

"MY DEAR, BRAVE LITTLE WIFE"

That Was Thaw's Greeting as He Met His Wife in Prison.

EVELYN WILL GO ON STAND MONDAY

The Question Is Not "Did She Tell Thaw the Truth?" But "Did She Tell Him the Story She Repeated on the Witness Stand?"

NEW YORK, February 22.—Mrs. Harry K. Thaw arrived at the Tombs Prison this afternoon accompanied by Daniel O'Reilly, of counsel for Harry Thaw. She seemed pale and worn, but was apparently trying to appear cheerful, and said in reply to questions that she was "feeling pretty well." Word was immediately sent up to Thaw's cell, and Thaw, who had sent word to his wife that he was very anxious to see her, came quickly down to the conference room, to which Mrs. Thaw and Lawyer O'Reilly had been shown. Thaw rushed into the conference room and clasped his wife in his arms, calling her "My dear, brave, little wife."

Mrs. Thaw's eyes filled with tears, and Mr. O'Reilly withdrew from the room, leaving both of them weeping. A few minutes later Mr. O'Reilly returned, and the three had a conference. It was well along in the afternoon when Mrs. Thaw arrived at the prison. There had been reports in some of the early editions of the papers to-day to the effect that Thaw was himself in bad physical condition, but when he appeared to greet his wife he declared that he was feeling exceptionally well, and was enjoying his usual vigorous health.

"Feeling Pretty Well."

Mrs. Thaw was pale and worn to-day, but when approached by newspaper men smiled and tried to appear cheerful. In reply to questions, she said she was "feeling pretty well." Except for Mrs. Thaw's visit to the Tombs, the principals in the Thaw trial spent the day in rest, every one apparently relishing the respite from the scenes which marked this week's proceedings. By the time the hearing resumed next Monday morning it is expected that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will have entirely regained her composure, and be prepared again to take her place in the witness chair.

On Thursday it was said the young woman was on the verge of illness, and that a cup of broth had been her only sustenance for two days. She was so weakened as the result of her day's experience that she retired immediately upon reaching her apartments, and did not arise until late to-day. The only reason which took her away from her bed then was the call she had promised to make upon her husband in the Tombs prison. Ordinarily visitors are not allowed in the big gray building on holidays, but an exception was made to-day with regard to Harry Thaw's wife and counsel.

Day and a Half Yet.

District Attorney Jerome has gone to Lakeville, Conn., to spend the holiday recess with his family. Nearly all of Thaw's counsel remained at their homes. The district attorney will keep Mrs. Thaw on the stand at least a day and a half more, and may even stretch it to two days. It will depend upon how Mrs. Thaw feels at the end of this period as to whether or not Thaw's counsel will go ahead with their redemptive examination of her.

Mr. Delmas has been questioning the witness, and he will likely endeavor to place a different light upon some of the incidents which have been disclosed. With the cross-examination only half of the pursuit of the young woman by Stanford White after her marriage, which the defense told of in the opening address, must be brought out. Of course the truth of the story which Mrs. Thaw actually told her husband, and which is said to have unbalanced his mind, cannot be questioned. If she told him the story and as a result his mind became deranged, the truth of the story is immaterial. All that the cross-examination can develop is as to the veracity of the witness, a doubt as to whether she really did tell him or not. The vital issue: "Did Thaw's actions, after he heard the story, did his relations with Evelyn Nesbit covering a period of two years after this revelation, did his treatment of her and of White, and a thousand other things, indicate that he was brooding over the story or that he was taking advantage of it?"

Many More Scandals.

The detail of the European trip in 1904 is still to be gone into by Mr. Jerome. The return to America and the false announcement of Thaw's marriage to Evelyn Nesbit when the first scandal arose is still to be told of. The facts of the pursuit of the young woman by Stanford White after her marriage, which the defense told of in the opening address, must be brought out.

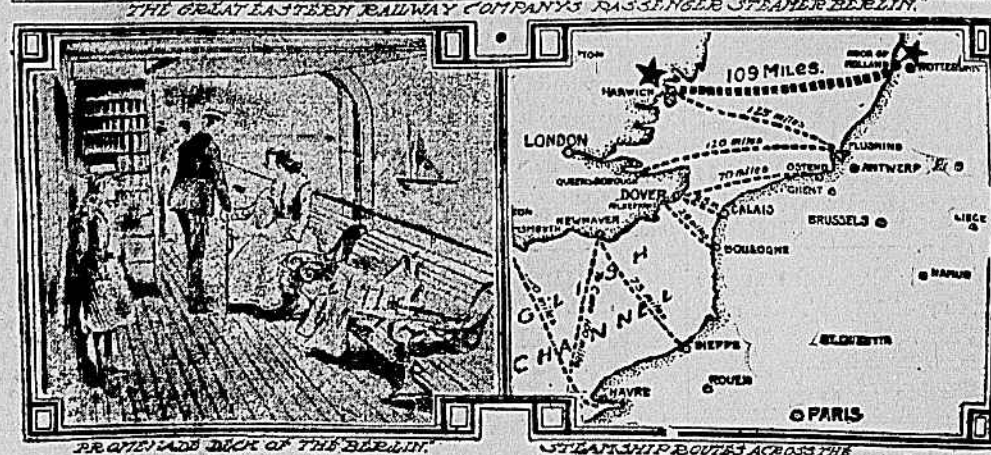
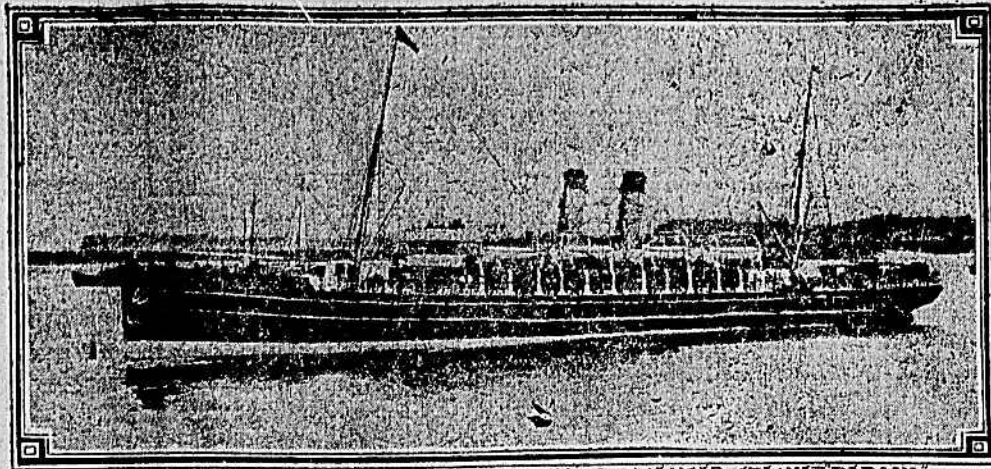
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Delmas Is Planning.

Mrs. Thaw, on direct examination, identified forty-two letters as being in the possession of the defense.

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STEAMSHIP BERLIN WRECKED ON HOOK OF HOLLAND; ONLY 11 SAVED



HUMAN LEGS IN BACK-YARD BOX

Legs Had Been Chopped Off With an Ax and Then Burned.

PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED "FABER"

Janitress of House Says Letters Bearing That Name Have Been Brought There Lately.

NEW YORK, February 22.—The feet and portions of the legs of a man or woman were found in a box in a snowbank in the back yard of a tenement house in Third Avenue to-day. The legs had been chopped off, apparently with an ax. From the appearance of the feet and legs, it is believed that an attempt was made to destroy them by fire before they were placed in the box and thrown where they were found. The limbs were taken to a police station and an investigation was begun.

Police Sergeant McGuire said he is convinced the limbs were cut from the body of a man, probably an Italian. "I suspect the man may have been murdered and his body cut up in one of the tenements in the neighborhood. It is possible the person who was carrying the feet to the East River became intoxicated and lost from his possession this evidence of a crime."

Detectives sifted the snow where the box was found and discovered the photograph of a young woman, on the back of which was written the name "Faber." Mary Vasquez, the janitress of the building behind which the bones were found, stated that she was sure the box was not there yesterday. She did not recognize the photograph or the name, but said that for several days letters addressed "Faber" had come to the house, which she had refused to receive, because there was no one of that name in the building.

DEFAULTER WALKER CAUGHT IN GEORGIA

Was Registered at Hotel With Young Woman Who He Said Was His Wife.

ATLANTA, GA., February 22.—A special to the Constitution from West Point, Ga., says:

On last Wednesday a man about sixty years old, accompanied by a young woman, registered at a local hotel under the name of W. Harper and wife, of Boston. The couple remained here in their rooms until Friday, when they left for Opelika, Ala. The same train on which the couple left brought a photograph and circular from a detective agency giving the description of a man named Walker, and offering \$5,000 for his arrest. The photograph was recognized by the hotel proprietor as that of his late guest. He followed the couple to Opelika, where he found the man and had him placed under arrest. The woman admitted that she was not the wife of Walker, and stated that she came from New Britain, Conn. Beyond this she would say nothing. The man is held for instructions from New Britain. The man Walker is believed to be William F. Walker, the missing New Britain, Conn., banker.

EACH SHOT OTHER THROUGH HEART

James Barrett and Town Marshal Wright Met Across Card Table.

WIDOW BARRETT GOES HOME

In Deep Mourning, Accompanied by Her Two Little Girls, She Returns to Jackson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, VA., February 22.—Mrs. Barrett, who faced and killed in morning gub, arrived here to-night, accompanied by her two little daughters, aged seven and nine, respectively. She was made a widow a few nights ago as a result of a pistol duel between her husband, James Barrett, and Town Marshal James Wright, of Rogersville, in which the two men killed each other. Barrett recently came to Tennessee from Jackson, Breathitt county, Ky., and his disconsolate widow and children are returning to Jackson. When Wright undertook to arrest Barrett, he little dreamed that he had encountered a man of Breathitt county courage and daring, but without time for argument both men, with pistols leveled at each other over the table where Barrett is said to have been engaged in a game of cards, were ready to fire. The aim of each was accurate and both fell dead at the same moment, each with a bullet hole in his heart.

TERRORISTS ROB WARSAW BANK

Kill Five and Wound a Score. Escape With Their Plunder.

WARSAW, RUSSIAN POLAND, February 22.—The post-office in Wapinska Street was attacked at noon to-day by a band of terrorists, who shot and killed the postmaster, two postal clerks and two soldiers guarding the office, and wounded a score of bystanders. The terrorists robbed the safe of the cash and stamps and escaped in cabs. The post-office authorities admit that robbers got away with several thousand rubles. This was the first important raid in two months, and shows that the terrorists were not suppressed, as the authorities alleged. The incident has caused intense excitement in Warsaw and arouses fears of a recurrence of the singular events of the early winter.

MARYLAND BANKERS TO MEET AT JAMESTOWN

BALTIMORE, MD., February 22.—The executive committee of the Maryland Bankers' Association has decided to hold its annual convention this year at Jamestown. While the dates have not been definitely fixed, they will probably be June 18th, 19th and 20th. The headquarters of the bankers will be at the Hotel Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort.

BOYS QUARREL AND ONE STABS OTHER TO DEATH

MEMPHIS, TENN., February 22.—Following a boyish quarrel between Arthur Tomsdalen and Walter Taylor, aged fourteen and fifteen years, respectively, the former was stabbed to death to-day. Taylor has been arrested.

FEARFUL WRECK ON PENN. SYSTEM

Report Says That One Hundred Are Killed and Many Injured.

NEWSPAPER MEN BARRED

Officials Will Not Allow Them on Relief Train—Give Out Noncommittal Story.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., February 22.—Train No. 21, known as Chicago and St. Louis Express, reported to have gone over an embankment at Mineral Point, eight miles east of this city. A relief train, bearing all available physicians, left here at 12:45. Officials refused to allow newspaper men to accompany train.

Reported One Hundred Killed.

PITTSBURGH, PA., February 22.—A long distance telephone message from Crouse's Hotel, South Fork, two miles from Mineral Point, at 1:45 A. M., stated that one hundred lives were lost. The cause of the accident was not known at this hour. A relief train left South Fork at 1:30. Pennsylvania Railroad officials will not communicate with the Associated Press here, evading all attempts to secure information.

Officials Say No Lives Lost.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 22.—Later reports received by the Pennsylvania officials from Altoona state that only fifty-four passengers were on the train when it left Altoona. Reports here indicate that no one was killed. It is said the locomotive and combination car, the train, known as No. 21, derailed at an observation car went down the embankment into the Conemaugh River. The river at this point, it is said, is not deep, and it is this fact that leads the officials here to believe that there has been no loss of life.

Railway Has No Information.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 22.—At 1:30 this morning the Pennsylvania Railroad officials here stated that the wrecked train was the Pennsylvania special, eighteen-hour train, between New York and Chicago, known as No. 21. The wreck, the officials stated, occurred about thirty-three miles west of Altoona, and is half a mile from any telegraph office. The train, which left New York at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was composed of four Pullman sleepers. While the first reports received here were to the effect that the train had gone down an embankment into the Conemaugh River, later reports, it is said, are to the effect that the train was only derailed. The company here has no information as to the extent of the accident.

Many Injured.

ALTOONA, PA., February 22.—Railroad officials here say train No. 21 is off the track, with one car in the river, many are hurt but officials say none is dead. Physicians have been rushed to the scene of the wreck from this city.

Three Cars in River.

ALTOONA, PA., February 22.—The eleven-hour flyer, known as the Pennsylvania Limited, westbound, jumped the track at about midnight, about five miles east of Johnstown. The train was composed of a combination car, an observation car and two sleepers. The accident occurred at a sharp curve. The locomotive and combination car remained on the

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ELEVEN ARE SAVED FROM THE BERLIN

Two Women and a Child are Still on the Wrecked Ship.

REFUSED TO JUMP INTO LIFEBOAT

Prince Henry Takes Part in Life-Saving and Accompanies the Saved to Land, Where Thousands Welcome Them With Cheers.

Recent Marine Disasters.

Steamship.	Place.	Lives lost.
Berlin.....	Hook of Holland.....	142
Larchmont.....	Long Island Sound.....	134
Hilda.....	Off St. Malo.....	127
General Slocum.....	East River.....	1,031
Islander.....	Pacific Ocean.....	62
Nutmeg State.....	Long Island Sound.....	5
La Bourgogne.....	Mid-Atlantic.....	571
Marion.....	South Carolina.....	8
Norwega.....	Jutland.....	18

HOOK OF HOLLAND, HOLLAND.

February 22.—After over thirty hours of almost incessant effort and splendid work, the Dutch lifeboat men were rewarded by reaching the wreck of the British steamer Berlin, which went ashore here yesterday morning, and eleven survivors on the afternoon of the vessel were saved. Two women and a child are still on the wrecked vessel. Buffeted and driven back time after time, the sturdy Dutchmen refused to relax their attempts in behalf of the handful of shipwrecked people, and throughout yesterday, last night and this morning they launched their boat repeatedly, only to be foiled by the mountainous seas. In the early afternoon the lifeboat again went out. The receding tide and some improvement in the weather gave better hope of success, and after a hard tussle with the seas eleven persons, still living, were safely taken off at 3:30 A. M.

Prince Henry Helps.

Prince Henry of the Netherlands, the prince consort, arrived here this morning, and twice went out in a steam pilot-boat as near the wreck as it was possible to approach. The prince consort, after his first visit to the wreck, when he saw with his own eyes that there were still some survivors on board, declared: "We won't return to The Hague before we save them; we must get them somehow!"

The news that this determination had been fulfilled reached the waiting crowd in the shape of a rumor shortly before 12 o'clock this afternoon, and a pilot boat confirmed the tidings. There was then a wild rush of people to the various points of vantage overlooking the harbor.

It was well that a special force of police and soldiers had been brought into the harbor, for the excited crowd on one time threatened to become uncontrollable. Long hours of waiting followed, and the people began to doubt the truth of the report that eleven persons had been saved, and it was not until long after 6 o'clock that the pilot-boat heralded its approach with piercing shrieks of triumph from her siren.

Thousands Cheer Rescued.

By this time the harbor was black with thousands of people. The roofs of all houses and sheds were crowded, while along the roadway skirting the sea there reared hundreds of people, keeping pace with the meaning every preparation was being made at the harbor to take care of the individuals rescued.

The small lifeboat was the first to reach harbor, and Captain Jansen, the pilot-boat, received round upon round of ringing cheers. He reported that two women and a child who had refused to jump were still aboard the wreck of the Berlin.

"My Name Is Fisher."

A steward was the next man to be brought ashore. He was quite cheerful, and shouted in reply to inquiries: "My name is Fisher."

Then came a woman, her face covered with a blanket, but her long, dark hair streaming over her pillow, and a frost-bitten hand hanging limply over the side of the stretcher.

Eventually the eleven survivors, so narrowly snatched from death, were removed to the Amerika Hotel, and when the Prince Consort came ashore his face was radiant with grateful joy. Several anxious relatives succeeded in forcing an entrance to the hotel, and there were some scenes of bitter disappointment when they discovered that the members of their families were not among the rescued.

Names of Saved.

The names of the passengers saved follow:

Mr. Young, Mr. Broedersen, Frau-Ien Buttel, Fraulein Cabler, Frau Schraeder—all three of these women belong to the opera company; a man whose name is not known, and five members of the crew.

The two women still on deck of the steamer are Fraulein Thiele and Frau Wernsberg. The husband of the last mentioned woman lies dead in the mortuary here.

Press interviewed Frau Schraeder, Frau Schraeder, although practically starving, and with her hands and feet terribly frost-bitten, showed remarkably cheerful.

Relating her experiences, she said: